



JSEC MEETING MINUTES

October 23th, 2008

Present: John Laney, Kassie Taylor, Joyce Cavanaugh, Jeani Pierson, Noel Gruba and Mike Bissell

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Noel.

Treasurer's Report: Jeani gave the Treasurer's report. The current balance is \$1,783.26.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The September meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Voting on Future of Miles City JSEC: Since there was not a quorum present at this meeting, the voting on JSEC's structure will be done via a mailed ballot. Mike quickly reviewed the options for JSEC's structure and the reason this is surfacing at this point in the history of JSEC. Since our new Bureau Chief is concerned about the large volume of money some JSEC's are handling across the state, there is reason to have JSEC's restructure to meet IRS requirements. Mike reported that other JSEC's have combined with area organizations verses remain as a separate board. The Miles City JSEC has the option of being a liaison to another organization, however, it involves changing our name, structure, meeting time and location, etc...

John again suggested JSEC form as a sub-committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber could keep a separate checking account for JSEC if desired. John indicated the chairperson would need to be present at the monthly Chamber meeting and report to the board. There would be no cost for Chamber membership. We could possibly rename the board the Employer Relations Council. The meeting time and place could be kept the same. John did indicate that if this was decided on he would need to get approval from the Chamber Board to allow another Chamber sub-committee but he didn't foresee that as a problem.

Joyce reviewed the emphasis of JSEC as being a group that in the past has provided training to community employers. She suggested that since JSEC is focusing on the same goal as the Workforce Development position at MCC then why not dissolve JSEC unless Kassie needs an Advisory Board. Kassie was unsure if this is a viable option.

The question was raised that if JSEC was dissolved where would the current funds in the account be channeled? It was suggested the money could go to the college to help Kassi market a training seminar that would benefit the community. Jeani suggested JSEC could spend the money on organizing a more expensive seminar with a minimal amount charged to the employer so that it would absorb the money in the account.

Noel will be sending out ballots to all board members to obtain a vote on whether to disband or become a sub-committee under the Chamber or College. Results of this vote will be dispersed to all current JSEC members.

The board meeting adjourned at 4:55pm. Due to the holidays the next meeting will be in early December if needed.